

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re application of**

**ROBERT E. SIMONSON**

**Docket No.: N938**

#2

**Title: NON CANNULATED DILATORS**

**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231**

J1046 U.S. PTO  
10/024221  
10/30/01

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The following background art is provided under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and copies are included in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98. A list of the articles being submitted herewith is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

[X] 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) - Within three months of the filing date of a national application, within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. No certification, petition or fees required.

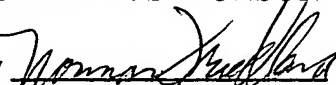
[X] Best available copies of information listed are enclosed in patent application entitled CONFIGURED AND SIZED CANNULA (Att. Docket No. N908) filed contemporaneously herewith.

[ ] A discussion of this material can be found on page(s) of the specification.

It is submitted that these references, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter claimed in this application. These references are cited merely to identify the most pertinent prior art of which applicant is aware.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**ROBERT E. SIMONSON**

By   
**Norman Friedland  
Attorney of Record**

**11300 US Highway One  
North Palm Beach, FL 33408  
Telephone: (561) 626-4111  
Fax: (561) 626-3919  
Date: October 30, 2001**

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**